

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
OF
PLACER COUNTY**

May 9, 2002 Meeting

MINUTES

Attendees (Commissioners & Staff):

Dr. Richard Burton	Commission Chair & Placer County Health Officer
Jill Harper	Commission Vice Chair & PCOE Administrator of Child Development Programs
Raymond Merz	Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services
Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin	Commissioner & Director for the California Institute for Mental Health
Tamara Lieberman	Commissioner & Program Officer Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation
Harriet White	Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3
Don Ferretti	CFC Coordinator & Health and Human Services Administration
Nancy Baggett	Health & Human Services – CFC Staff Systems Analyst
Sabrina Thompson	County Counsel
David Gray	Placer Institute, Consultant

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

Joe DePietro	Commissioner & Educational Representative
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Public:

Anne Naughton	KIISS
Paul McIntyre	KIISS
Michelle Fernandez	Placer County HHS – Community Health
Francine Nunes	PCOE - Childcare
Debra Lambrecht	Caring About Kids
Francine Nunes	PCOE
Jeanette Lovejoy	PCOE Child Care Services
Kathleen McHugh	Kings Beach Elementary

I. Call to Order

Chair, Dr. Richard Burton called the Children and Families Commission Meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

The May 9th meeting of the Children & Families Commission was held at the Shiloh Center in Auburn. Don Ferretti, Coordinator of the Children & Families Commission, introduced Steve Conklin, Executive Director of the Shiloh Center. Steve explained that the Shiloh Center was a non-profit, faith-based, organization that encourages networking among private and public entities in Placer County.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Harriet White moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Jill Harper seconded, all in favor. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin added “results of the CFC February 22nd Planning Retreat” to the agenda. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

Harriet White moved and Ray Merz seconded that the April 18 minutes be approved. Vice-Chair Jill Harper made the clarification that “Commissioner Joe DePietro called the Children and Families Commission Meeting to order until Dr. Burton arrived.” So noted and with no objections the minutes were approved.

IV. New Business

- Kings Beach School Readiness Program

Don introduced Kathy McHugh and Kim Bradley from Kings Beach Elementary. He explained to the commission that the State adopted a statewide school readiness initiative to provide funding for activities that will help children arrive at school, be successful in school, and stay in school. Kings Beach Elementary is the only school in Placer County that is eligible to receive the funding. The Children’s Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee (CCTT) has developed a program called “Making Connections” and Kathy McHugh is heading up the program. Kings Beach Elementary was seeking the commission’s approval of their program so they could submit their plan to the State by May 15th. KBE is asking for \$145,797 each year for four (4) years; they also have access to an additional \$50K each year. The focus of the plan is on Literacy for both English and Spanish-speaking children. The Family Resource Center, and the school will match funds. Harriet White moved that the commission approve the Kings Beach School Readiness program and Jill Harper seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion was carried. Don will follow through to assist KBE with the appropriate paperwork.

V. Old Business

- February 22nd Planning Retreat

Don Ferretti, Coordinator of the CFC program, reviewed the key areas that evolved from the February 22 planning retreat and presented a status update.

1. Requests for Results – At the April 18th Children & Families Commission meeting, it was decided that Request for Results would not be done for next year. As a result of this action, there are enough funds to review allocations, which were not funded previously (as there wasn’t enough funding).
2. Structure of the organization – Don has an outline but would like to have a commissioner involved—Commissioners Sandra Naylor-Goodwin and Jill Harper offered to help with that effort.
3. Teen involvement in the commission – Don hosted a session on this topic at the foundation consortium’s statewide meeting. Don also has an outline started for the teen involvement. Tamara Lieberman would like to work on this project.
4. Operations Committee—The committee currently includes three (3) commissioners and Don. The idea was to also include representation from the different collaboratives that we have named as advisory groups. Commissioners Harriet White and Jill Harper volunteered to work with Don on developing this committee.

VI. Commissioner Reports

Sandra Naylor-Goodwin discussed a meeting she had recently attended in which she learned about a group that developed new website that coordinates all resources available—it is very intuitive—locally based—provides latest research on a variety of topics as well as legislation. They developed a website on aging for Alameda County --its address is www.alameda.network. They are working on a prototype for a children’s website for Contra Costa County. The fee for the development of this site is \$40k - \$50k. Sandra is interested in having the website developers come out and present a demonstration.

It was agreed that this would be a good agenda item for a future meeting. Don indicated that he would coordinate this presentation but that it would probably take place after all the applicant presentations were completed—perhaps in August. Further, Don indicated that this agenda item fits in with one of the themes from the retreat—to have a web page that is more interactive.

VII. Program Coordinator Report

- Update on Application Review Committee Process

Applicants have submitted revised application summaries—the committee is reviewing these new brief summaries and will discuss with applicants at the May 15th meeting. Money isn't the issue (there is enough money)—rather, the issue is if the results will benefit children 0-5, and whether we will be able to measure them or not. After the May 15 meeting, the committee's hope is to bring back recommendations at the next commission meeting. Don extended an invitation to the commissioners to attend.

- Update on Partner Network Evaluation Activities

Don has issued a calendar to Commissioners of the scheduled site evaluations: May 13, May 21, May 29, and June 4. Don Ferretti, Nancy Baggett, David Gray, and Michelle Fernandez are conducting these site evaluations. The theme question of the evaluation conversations is: How are Children 0-5 and their families better off as a result of services provided by Proposition 10 funds? We are looking at promised incomes vs. what results actually happened and the type of data collected. Don indicated that sustainable funding would also be addressed at these site visits. Don extended an open invitation to commissioners and others to join them in visiting the sites.

- State annual report

A public hearing was held in which the State Children & Families Commission report was reviewed and discussed. Copies were previously made available at the CFC meeting, as well as at the CFC office and on the local Internet. There was no public comment on the report. Commissioners commented that they are looking forward to next years' report in which there would reflect an increase in Placer County's activities. The CFC closed the public hearing on the state report.

- Meeting location

Don proposed to the group that we continue to have the Children & Families Commission meetings at the Shiloh Center as opposed to the CSOC location on Enterprise Drive. He noted that while CFC has a wonderful agreement with HHS, which allows this group to put money in the community and not on overhead, the work is actually done in the community. Don felt the change would also partner well with the goals of the Shiloh Center—to bring community groups together. Commissioner Ray Merz added that parking at CSOC was becoming a real problem (with the loss of 90 parking places). Don indicated that the flat rate is \$75 per meeting but that Steve (Conklin) could come up with a better rate if the volume of meeting dates increased. It was agreed that the Children & Families Commission meetings would be held at the Shiloh Center—at least through the next fiscal year.

VIII. Public Comment

Francine Nunes: Invited commissioners to attend an event in which retention stipends would be given to childcare providers. The event will take place on June 19 at the Sunset Center in Rocklin from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Additionally, Francine told the group about an excellent speaker, Abby Thorman, from the Greater Kansas City Children's Learning System.

Paul McIntyre - KIISS communicated to the group that he thought grantees could do a better job of making themselves visible. He felt that grantees could publicly indicate that their programs are possible through "funding from Prop.10" and in turn, the public can see that connection.

Kim Bradley wanted the group to know that the Family Resource Center is having a one-year recognition program—giving recognition to partners and funders--on Saturday, June 1. There will be a DeeJay and games—the community is organizing the event.

Jeanette Lovejoy announced that there will be a language and literacy event—music and movement, storytellers, etc. It will take place on May 23 at the Sunset Center in Rocklin from 9:00 a.m. – Noon

The Placer County Children and Families Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.